

**Meeting Date:** January 11, 2006

**Agenda Item No.**

**Agenda Item:** Wolf Update

**Approved by:** \_\_\_\_

**Prepared by:** Steve Nadeau

**Background:**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently indicated the desire to publish a delisting rule on wolves by the end of January. The Department has been planning what wolf management as a big game animal will look like and how we will proceed in planning wolf hunting. Also, a summary of this year's wolf population and depredation estimates will be provided.

**Policy issues:**

This presentation will be primarily to present information and get direction on timelines and process that will be presented.

**Public Involvement Process:**

Public information and involvement in our planning process will be discussed.

**Justification:**

Our level of management planning and involvement has increased over the last year, and will continue to do so. The transition to state management has been ongoing since 2002 and we are now prepared to take over management as a big game animal.

**Action Requested:**

None. Information update presentation.

**Staff Recommendations:**

None.